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## **Longest-Serving Missouri State Employee Retiring after 62 Years of Service**

**Jefferson City**—The all-time longest serving Missouri state employee is retiring Friday, February 28 after 62 years' of service. Nancylea Hunt, Jefferson City, will mark this milestone at her retirement reception in Jefferson City, Friday, February 28 in the Harry S Truman State Office Building, Room 400, at 10:00 a.m.

For the greatest part of her career, she has worked as professional assistant to the State Board of Fund Commissioners and Escheats, the state board that issues general obligation bonds and performs related activities as assigned by law. The Board is composed of the Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, State Auditor, State Treasurer and Commissioner of Administration.

Hunt has several notable achievements. The most notable may be finding the original plans for the construction of the Capitol, long thought to be forever lost. The Secretary of State honored her for not only finding, but also recognizing the lost documents for what they were.

Hunt was a Boonville resident working at Standard Oil Company in 1940, at the time an opportunity for a three-month temporary job in Jefferson City opened. She took the position and remained in state government the next 62 years.

A graduate of Sedalia Business College and native of Prairie Home, Hunt is also noted for her excellent humor, world travels, support for church and community organizations, and avid support of St. Louis Cardinal baseball. She has been in 47 states, 34 countries and has more travel plans in the future.